"MENACE OF THE MASK" IN TENNESSEE

The Reelfoot Lake night rider troubles were described in an article practice in the tobacco district is in favor out to do a little regulating, whipped a in last Sunday's edition of The Washington Herald, That article was the first of a series of three, written by Don Marquis, associate editor three or four men in the tobacco district two, and otherwise disported themselves of Uncle Remus' Home Magazine. It dealt with the origin of the night and begin to fool with your coat collar in a manner becoming to careless spirits. riders, their growth, and finally their entry into the Reelfoot country, sort of a way, and one of them should making it one of the chief centers of crime of the universe. It de- raise his hand and rest the palm for an scribed in detail the trouble between the fishermen in the Reelfoot Lake still the chance that there might be an was on the war path. Clarksville had a series of legal campaigns. With troops a huge quart of ale, and telling old nose and in going along the Mews one and its owners, who claimed a free title to the submerged kands and accident, he may not be a night rider, been threatened a free title to the submerged kands and accident, he may not be a night rider, been threatened to the distribution of the submerged kands and accident that Clarkwills was persons. While the

Clarksville is in the northern part of Tennessee, on the Cumberland River,

Never has a similar question been more line as a whole. The people of Montgom-sharply presented to any community than ery County are very largely of Scotchto the people of Montgomery County, of Irish stock and apt to be stubborn in to the people of Montgomery County, of which Clarksville is the county seat, and never has a community been thrown more absolutely upon its own resources to fight and worry out an answer. For fight and worry out an answer. For fight and worry out an answer. For fight and worry out an answer. County's to fight and worry out an answer. County's to fight and worry out an answer. For fight and worry out an answer of the form of the lodge room, unless after due trial and or out of the lodge room, unless after due trial and or out of the lodge room, unless after due trial and or out of the lodge room, unless after due trial and or out of the lodge room, unless after due trial and them or him justly and legally to the will turn his attention from Reel-fight to the was twen to the work of the time this article is printed.

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the first time is at once struck by the for replanting no crop can be raised that anomaly of the situation in which he year.

It was in May, 1966, that the first act of

dark tobacco district, and its destruction original economic grievance held by the more than was that of Hopkinsville.

Plans Frustrated.

An advance upon the town has been planned three separate times, but the concrete enemy in the other camp. plans have been given up in each instance

two of these approaches are over narrow | condone the murder of a "hill billy." covered bridges, where quite an army. From the destruction of plant beds it

ever, the plan of the city's defenders, if A favority to heen dynamited. do not seem to be favorable. It is, howthe night riders ever get up enough cou-rage to make a raid, as they have upon matches tied to them, in the sheaves of Hopkinsville and other Kentucky towns, grain belonging to the "hill billies."

riders to get far enough into the city so No. 5 buckshot, which, as one citizen expressed it to me, "certainly does do con-

The history of the night rider outraces in Montgomery County and the adjoin-ing counties of Tennessee is not essen-would reach about a hundred. tially different from the story of the towar across the border in Kentucky. have a natural monopoly of the produc tion of dark tobacco are separated only sentiment and conditions which prevail

Planters' Protective Association. It was capitalized at only \$1,000—there were 1,000 Where he now resides no one seems to

see, worth about \$5,000,000. cent of the whole crop had been pledged, John Barleycorn rather industriously.

General Boycott.

The method hit upon at first was a general boycott. Resolutions were adopted stating that the association members

up; the daughter of a "hilly billy" who Tennessee, on the Cumberland River, happened to be a school ma'am in an as-not many miles from the Kentucky line, sociation district was made so miserable and the map-makers do not show it as a she would have to resign; doctors, mevery large dot on the surface of the Unit- chanics, and others were asked to refuse ed States. But the dot is the lower part "hill billies" their services. At first many of a gigantic interrogation point, and the of the association men rather disapquestion which it indicates is no less imgrowth was rather slow; but eventually, as animosities grew and personal bitter-Shall American institutions crumble into anarchy or shall the spirit of the law even this boycott was ineffective as a means of forcing the "hill billies" into neans of forcing the "hill billies" into

and little encouragement from the outside pecially prepared beds, then taken up by the roots and set out in the fields in hills.

The stranger entering Clarksville for If they are destroyed at about the time for replanting no crop can be raised that by order of this lodge.

To all of this I most solemnly swear, placing my self under not less penalty than may be put on me by order of this lodge.

Here is a city of 12,000 people, in the midst of one of the richest sections of a leged that the night rider organization as before mentioned. There is a shorter oath, which I like better from an artistic point of view, because it sounds so much country supposed to be at peace with all was perfected, for the purposes of driv-the world; but here, also, is a town which ing the "hill billies" into line, in the fall has been an armed camp for mare than a and winter of 1905-1906. The leaders of year, ready day and night to do battle the tobacco association have always pubfor its existence at the first sound of an licly disclaimed violence when categorically questioned as to whether they ap Pickets watch the ways of entrance at prove of its use, but it is significant that night, posses of citizens, armed with autit is usually the stubborn "hill billies" tomatic shotguns charged with buckshot, who suffer. The night riders are suppatrol the streets or hold themselves in posed to be an inner circle of the plant-readiness in the armory; a lookout ers' association. In the earlier days of searches the country and listens from the their existence the destruction of propcourthouse tower, which dominates the erty and the intimidation of the "hill billandscape for miles around, and the lies," as a logical progression from the streets buzz and whisper with rumor, suspicion, and distrust.

For the night riders have sworn that that. But lawlessness is progressive. The they will raid the place and wreck it taste for violence grows. The more reckeven as they dealt with Hopkinsville, a less element among the night riders few miles away across the Kentucky bor-der, on the morning of December 7, 1907. of affairs that is little less than civil war. Therefore Clarksville sleeps on its arms and complicated with a thousand person al hatreds and mixed with a dozen selfish Clarksville is the oldest market in the or foolish motives, has grown out of the s the goal of night rider desire even planters against the tobacco truth. That original grievance against the intangible trust has in some cases been lost sight of altogether. It has been superseded by a

Just how far the leaders of the associabefore an actual conflict with the citizens tion were responsible for the original situated on a sort of peninsula, near the function of the Reil Eiver with the Cumthey invoked got beyond their control and as lawlessness spread they accepted every

were I to accent a least certain that as the forces which they invoked got beyond their control and as lawlessness spread they accepted every

were I to accent a least certain that as the forces which they invoked got beyond their control and only half of the information in my reach, the toughs without knowing what they as lawlessness spread they accepted every

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would be compelled to write a good are getting into. That is the way things

unless it had cannon, could be stood off was a facile step to arson and the whip-Night rider spies are forever recon-of the "hill billies" have been burned. noitering the town, but the reports which stables with livestock in them have been they take back to their secret meetings destroyed, threshing machines and farm A favorite trick was to hide bottles of

egress so that none of them escape, and the bottles would break, the matches ig-When the grain was run into the thresher to kill them all in the streets, if possible. nite, and the whole concern be destroyed. I do not care to advertise too thorough-the plans of the defenders of Clarks-and still do. The whipping of people by ville, but my advice to any enterprising bands of armed and masked men at night band of night riders is to stay away. became a favorite pastime. Throughout For the town is not only a camp at prestee the whole district affected it is difficult to ent, but to the invader it would be a trap say how many lawless acts, including as well. Some Kentucky towns are re-Maxims, but Clarksville wants the night try directly tributary to Clarksville, of which I am speaking more particularly that the range will be nice and easy for at present, it is estimated that nearly 300 cuting attorney of Montgomery Cou Mr. Matt G. Lyle, assured me that this estimate was too high; he thought a conservative estimate of acts of lawlessness

They Do Not Dare Tell,

respondents for the city papers do not alive. dare to tell what they know, as a rule; he brought the matter up before the witnesses go back on the prosecuting at neighborhood. He said that he had been In spite of the fact that they had practorney, refusing to swear in the court warned not to befriend any one who was tically a monopoly of the production of room to what they have stated in private under the ban of the night riders, but dark tobacco, the farmers found, in the conversation; juries are either afraid to that he could not bring himself to believe year 1903 and for several years preceding, return an indictment against the night that they would go so far as to take his that they were unable to get enough for riders or else are so packed with night He said that he approved of a peaceful their tobacco to pay them for raising it.

The tobacco trust had practically destroyed competition; the farmers had to practically impossible; local officials in riders were going too far. They were not take what the trust offered or nothing. the country districts are kept in a state harming the tobacco trust, but the communities and of intimidation.

organized a trust of their own—a trust, or a union, or an association; call it what credit, or the discredit, for organizing you please. This organization was formed the night riders is one Dr. David Amos, at Guthrie, Ky., September 24, 1904, and a country physician, who formerly resided in the little was the Dark District Tobacco sided in the little village of Cobb, Cald-

shares at a par value of \$1 each-and know, for he disappeared some months with this arrangement it was proposed to ago. Some people assured me he was in control the marketing, and therefore the Japan; others that he was in San Fran-

leaders of the association were circulated by the district managers. The response to this three-year pledge proposition on the part of the farmers was not rapid enough to shit the leaders, and so they between the ages of eighteen and thirty between the ages of the shown for the same again, although I don't know about that, as I couldn't find her. No arrests have ever been made for this between the ages of eighteen and thirty between the ages began to cast about for some method to persuade all the farmers to pledge their tobacco and join the association.

-to do the actual raiding, while the older heads and steadier hands are reserved for jury dayt, witnesses, and so forth, in

the courts. Night Riders Are Numbered.

would withhold from the "hill billies" (as most any dark material, with slits cut sheriff of Montgomery County is in symthe nonassociation farmers are called) all for the eyes and mouth. The leaders pathy with the night riders, though I had the friendly and neighborly assistance so wear in addition to these a band of white made to me several times the statement usual in rural communities, such as help across the shoulders. Each man has his that he is. in harvesting, gathering ice, killing hogs. number and answers to it instead of by attention to Montgomery County is the and so forth Merchants were called upon not to buy any produce from the "hill commanding officer speak. In the Reelbillies" or to sell them anything. All foot Lake district the night riders usu- legal records). Bennett was one of the varieties of social boycott, extending to ally added to the mask a kind of loose night riders. The gang to which Bennett school and church relationships, were inaugurated; the children took the matter were made almost like hoods, but the men. On the night of March 9 they went

instant on the side of his face, there is

New members are sworn in at midnight, actually on their bended knees, with a very solemn sort of oath, and the penalty for giving away any of the signs and secrets and pass-words is death in the particularly unpleasant form of a broken neck. There are some variations one seems to be the following:

-, in the presence of Almight solemin the and obligations, that I will never the any of the secrets, signs, or pass-words of this order, according to the rules and regulations of this order. I furthermore promise and secar that I will never reveal, or cause to be revealed, by word or act, any of the transactions of this order, in the lodge room

citizenship which stands for law and order and makes no truce with crime has among the tobacco of the "hill destruction of the tobacco of the "hill scitter day or night, unless prevented by sickness of destruction of the tobacco of the "hill scitter day or night, unless prevented by sickness of destruction of the tobacco of the "hill scit or my family.

If unthermore promise and swear that I will not

The penalty exacted is a broken neck, point of view, because it sounds so much more concise and earnest. It winds up: And if I betray this order in any way I shall have

There are probably about ten or twelve thousand night riders in the country all years ago, at the time of the toll-gate troubles in Kentucky.

The people who are doing the devilment in the tobacco districts are of a very different class from those who operated district-fellows who would seize upon the most trivial excuse to make troubleis much smaller than around the lake.

definite, personal hatred against some

as lawlessness spread they accepted every long that many sympathics. I would be compelled to write a goed-promption of the four long triders operate there are three principal roads leading into the town, and two of these approaches are over narrow of these approaches are over narrow of the same property of the individual of the indivi been brought to justice, will indicate the do it." paralysis which has fallen upon the arm | When Capt. Quentin Rankin was mur of the law.

which took place on the night of Satur-day, June 6. Hunter lived in the Four-son; he threw troops into the affected teenth magisterial district of Montgom-ery County, about fourteen miles east of up. But in Clarksville I heard more and my mamma said not to." and a deacon in the church, and had joined the planters' association at the beginning, although he did not approve of any but peaceful methods and was out-

spoken against "night riding." Hunter had an aunt in the neighborhood, a Mrs. Eliza Nicholson, who was not in the association. She was in poor circumstances and a widow, but had set out nine acres of tobacco, with the help of a ne'er-do-well son.

The night riders made three trips to her place. First, they pulled up her to-bacco; next, they burned her tobacco barn, and the third time they burned her stable, with two mules in it, both animals being destroyed.

This left the old woman destitute and on the verge of starvation. Hunter was not well off in the way of worldly goods nimself; he had seven children and a wife discharged from the insane asylum. But he did all he could for his aunt, and the score of Kentucky counties which have a natural monopoly of the producthe tobacco association—the country cor-

The man who is popularly given the he made the occasion to state publicly his disapproval of arson, murder, and utrage on the part of the night riders, ty, and may even lead to trouble on the

Hunter Slain.

The nexxt Saturday night Hunter was price, of the 100,000,000 pounds of tobacco cisco. Again, I heard that he had left raised in the twenty-odd counties of the San Francisco for South America. Other called to his door by a band of armed "Black Patch" in Kentucky and Tennes- informants said he was dead, and still abdomen. The night riders then proceedothers that he was in hiding near Cobb, ed to riddle the front of the house with It was the intention of the leaders of the association to sell the entire crop pledged by the planters in one lump to one buyer. It was announced that 70 per cent of the whole crop had been pledged. John Barleycorn rather industriously.

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Then pledges promising the handling of the crops of 1995, 1997, and 1998 to the organization. The head is known as the what you get for talking too much about case any of the raids lead to trouble in of terror that no witnesses could be made to testify. If they did testify, no could be made to convict for fear of as

The masks used are constructed of al- It is difficult for me to believe that the

The case which has attracted the mos

of simplicity.

If you should happen into a group of where they lived, cut a telephone wire or

Monument Erected to Night Rider. and its owners, who claimed a free title to the submerged lands and atter all.

The last article will review generally the night rider situation in visit to the terrified district.

Tennessee and Kentucky, and will offer suggestions, made following by visit to the terrified district.

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> Very few night riders have ever been rought to justice in Montgomery County, but Hunt and Gardner, the men who shot the Bennett boys, were arrested and rought to trial. The trial went agains hem, the judgs making some noteworth;

and Gardner claim the night riders fired

An attempt was made to show that he

ing that part of the country.

be a hanging in his own family.

thousand night riders in the country at told. Some say that the recent operations in the otton States are traceable to men who have merely taken the cue from the Kentucky tobacco country; others that they have been organized by traveling organizers. The phrase "night rider" it-got permission to speak with him from told. Some say that the recent operations in the Country and abstain from the reprisals to which their feelings prompt them, and who are, in short, the unperceived moral force which keeps the tom munity from flying absolutely to pieces. They thoroughly understand that the community is on trial, and more than the country and abstain from the reprisals to which their feelings feeling of being a man of the world to say, "Oh, that's a Joe Miller!" and then unperceived moral force which keeps the community from flying absolutely to pieces. They thoroughly understand that the community is on trial, and more than self first came into use some eight or nine the military officer in charge. He waited around the greater part of one afternoon, and we became quite well acquainted and fell into conversation.

"I can't think he was in it," he would around Reelfoot Lake. The percentage should have been in it. His mother and I of toughs and pluguglies in the tobacco always thought he was a good boy. I don't believe he was one of them. There's some mistake.

There was no mistake, but I thought I

Were I to attempt anything like a de-everywhere. And I suppose a lot of wildder, the perpetrators of which have never crowd, and I just can't think he would

f the law.

The murder was that of Rufus Hunter, displayed a most commendable activity.

than one complaint of his attitude to-ward Montgomery County, and it is difficult to escape the impression that he has played politics with a very danger-ous situation. Clarksville has asked for son, of Kentucky, has quartered them in the disturbed district across the State line, and now he has control of the situation. He has enough evidence, it is said to fill half a dozen penitentiaries with night riders, and he is only waiting until the pall of terror passes away from the The country people around about telecountry, that juries may dare to convict
sitting over the walnuts and wine or sin' I was made.

phoned to Clarksville that the enemy without fear of assassination, to open up
over the rough table of an inn, before

"Sir William Day

norrow chewing topacco of each other and discuss Tennessee politics in perfect confidence.

Clarksville, were hidden, Hunt and Gardner fired with automatic shotguns.

New members are sworn in at midnight,

Vaughn Bennett was killed and Earle its face value.

Bennett, his brother, was wounded. Hunt

Action Commendable.

likely come before that tribunal at about Montgomery County. It is to be hoped vocabulary of the race.

had but little help, little understanding, bacco plants are first germinated in second little encouragement from the outside world and little encouragement from the outside world.

I furthermore promise and swear that I will not use this order, to dispectately prepared beds, then taken up by the roots and set out in the fields in bills.

I furthermore promise and swear that I will not use this order, to dispectately prepared beds, then taken up by the roots and set out in the fields in bills. ernoon who was fearful that there might there are hundreds of men in Clarksville | For these reasons he became famous

I was busy, so I said, "All right." "Why don't you lock it?" he asked.

"But why, Lawrence?" I asked.
"Well." he signed. "I might turn in,

"I am not here to talk, but to act."

The Reciford gang, or gangs, since there were two of them operating there under separate leaders, have only been in existence since last April. They were composed, for the most part, of fellows of little or no education, country toughs and weaklings, and they probably got together in imitation of the bands in the tobacco country.

Dastardly Murder of Rufus Hunter.

There was no mistake, but I thought I would rather let some one else tell the old man that his son's confession was already in the hands of the authorities. "You see," he said, "there have been a good many mistakes made about the people that live near the lake. One newspand weaklings, and they probably got together in imitation of the bands in the tobacco country.

Dastardly Murder of Rufus Hunter.

Were L to attempt anything like a decision of the probable and said they live in caves. There are good people there just as there are everywhere. There are toughs in the right way.

There was no mistake, but I thought I would rather let some one else tell the old in spite of the fact that I have attent to his son's confession was already in the hands of the authorities. "They give to-day a perfect view of one skind of faith, illogical enough perhaps in the facts are considered, that this and sang and caroused in social England and sang and caroused in social England in the lesson of the wild reaction from Puritan-like and said they live in caves. But you know that isn't so. There are good people there just as swered, in more places than Clarksville, in the right way.

Removing Temptation,

My neighbor's small son, not yet four the-way corners.

JOE MILLER'S JESTS

Some of the Wheezes in the Famous but Little Known Volume—Probably Author Not a Wit.

chestnut jokes.

orrow chewing tobacco of each other and one John Gardner, watchmen, of County is in the control of the night ridplied to an old joke, but very few know are much stronger, for you make nothing who Joe Miller was or what his most pe- of lugging him in by the head and The governor steadily refused to make any statement with regard to the night rider situation while in Northwestern most prosaaic man that ever lived and, more than that, he was famous in his placed next to the parson? 'Really,' said culiar and exceptional history. The fact of shoulders. more than that, he was famous in his placed next to the parson? day for never either seeing or making a he, 'I can give no reason for it; but your

His action in the Reelfoot Lake district His name was put upon a collection of goose for the future without thinking of is certainly to be commended, and it has good jokes, bon mots and anecdotes pub- your lordship. them, the judy making some noteworthy decisions as to the exclusion from the been very popular in Obion County. It is lished just after his death simply as a judy of evidence tending to prove that the hard to understand why he did not take joke itself, yet the name of the brilliant promises he had not much faith in was night fiders were an organized band of similar action in Montgomery County and successful man who complied this very much surprised to find that he punc-maranders, and the case was appealed to months ago, but this inaction has been almost forgotten and the tually kept his word with him; the same the Supreme Court of Tennessee. It will popular among many of the voters of victim of his humor has gone into the gentleman, being some time after desir-likely come before that tribunal at about Montgomery County II is to be hoped vocabulary of the race.

He was a frequenter of the Black Jack, ity must save itself, and that is what a well-known London tavern of the time, wrangling, asked the occasion of it. Ben, Montgomery County is gallantly striving where tradesmen were especially wont who stood in need of nobody to speak Before I visited Clarksville, and while I to do. In spite of the fact that the counto gather. These tradesmen were a merry for him, said he understood his lordship was at Union City, in the Reelfoot Lake try round about is in control of organized crew. Whenever they would address a desired to see him. 'You, friend?' district, where the conditions which led lawlessness; in spite of the fact that up to the night rider outrages are not witnesses and juries are so subject to in
"What?" or "Do tell!" and whenever a lord 'you cannot be Ben Jonson who like those in the tobacco country, I ran timidation that murder goes unpunished across a heavy-hearted old man one aft-

the a hanging in his own family.

Who are wise enough to see the lawlessThe old man belonged to the better ness is no cure for lawlessness; who

tack the name of Joe Miller to any joke
than offended at the affect that one of the ness is no cure for lawlessness; who class of farmers in the lake district; hard- guard themselves and their homes and that was especially good, just to add a vinced now by your wit that you are working, peaceful of disposition, intelli- keep their self-control and abstain from new flavor to the jest. It gave a man the Ben Jonson.

can institutions and the capacity of called it "Joe Miller's Jests." The book Daniel, and draw us a pint of wine. The Americans to preserve them undegraded was published in 1739. The jokes were drawer said his master would not allow are being tried out in this comparatively restricted arena.

And in spite of the fact that I have period in English history immediately coxcomb. Is he not contented to fast

Almost everybody to-day has only a no subject."

"One Mr. Topham was so very tall and very vague idea of what the book is, "One Mr. Topham was so very tall and although they know the name of Joe large that if he were living now he might

"In a minute I will," I answered, and -in 186-but both of these were liberhe was silent a little while. Then, "I ally salted with new jokes. The original "Joe Miller's Jests" conabout 5 by 8 anches, bound in pasteboard. It was printed in the old-time blackfaced type, and each joke was numbered.

The title page reads as follows: JOE MILLER'S JESTS:

or THE WIT'S VADE MECUM. Reing a collection of the most brilliant jests, politiest reparties, the most elegant bon mosts and most pleasant Short Stories in the English Lenguage. First carefully collected in the company and many of them transcribed from the mouth of the Facetious Gentleman whose name they bear, and now set forth and published by his lamentable friend and former companion, Elijah Jenkins.

Most humbly inscribed to those Choice Spirits of the Age, Captain Bodens, Mr. Alexander Pope, Mr. Professor Lacy, Mr. Orator Hénley and Job "Col. Bond. y". Baker, the kettle-drummer.

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peated to-day in the presence of ladies. devil for his further appearance. though in their day they were current in their day they were current in their day they were current in them friend's house, the first thing that came are interesting to-day, as they hinge upon are interesting to-day, as they hinge upon and one being put upon his plate, he conditions that have passed away. All found it to smell so strong that he could of them have a certain charm of incident not eat a bit of it; but he laid down his or observation, however, and all of them mouth to the fish as if he was whispering carry you back to the good old days when with it, and then he took up the plate Stern Oliver had just passed away.

tiny. Many of them don't yield up their flavor without prolonged chewing. So to fish if he knew anything about him. 'And

the Generals in Europe but him."

"When Sir Richard Steele was fitting senger." up his great room in York Buildings for them to see how they went forward, or- guineas you can't say the Lord's low, mounting and scratching his pate, told him he knew not what to say, for in truth he was no orator. 'Oh,' said he could have done it.' the knight, 'no matter for that; speak manners, who was himself but letely anything that comes uppermost.' 'Why, made Earl of Rutland, told Sir Thomas here, Sir Richard, says the fellow, 'we More he was too much elated by his prehave been working for you these six ferment; that he verified the old proverb, weeks and cannot get one penny of our 'Honores mutant mores.' 'No, my ford, weeks and cannot get one penny of our money; pray, sir, when do you design to pay us? 'Very well, very well,' said Sir Inomas, 'the pun will do much better in English—"Honors change manners.'"

"A lady's age happening to be questioned, she affirmed she was but forty, and selled upon a gentleman who was in

bor who never went to church, although said she, 'do you believe I am in the right an old fellow of above sixty, gave him when I say I am but forty?' 'I am sure, some reproof on that account and asked madam,' replied he, 'I ought not to plied the clown. 'I can't read.' I dare say, 'said the parson, 'you don't know who made you.' Not I, in troth,' said that a man's name was really Inch, who the countryman. A little boy came along pretended it was Linch; 'I see,' said the at that moment. 'Who made you, child?' judge, 'the old proverb is verified in this at that moment. 'Who made you, child?' asked the parson. 'God, sir,' answered the boy. 'Why, look you there,' quoth the honest clergyman. 'are you not ashamed, to hear a child of five or six years old tell me who made him, when you that are so old a man cannot?' 'Ah!' said the countryman, 'It is no wonder' belong to another parish.'"

The grandfathers of the present gen-eration used to have a great habit of tother day; it is a great while, master,

"Sir William Davenant, the poet, had no day a beggar woman followed him, cry-

"A gentleman having lent a guinea for

But in the end it is not what the governor of the State says or does in a time cealing their feelings in that day than are, the porter refused him admittance with some saucy language, which the other did not fail to return. My lord, if you could not say boo to a goose.' 'Boo,' cried Ben. 'Very well,' said my

the community is on trial, and more than the community, and they refrain from any action calculated further to complicate the issues.

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cases, their author, has been almost one night in company by a gentleman to forgotten, and nothing can be found of him in history except in the most out-of-ject?" asked Daniel, 'The King,' answered the other. "The King, sir," said he, "is

be shown at Yeate's Theater for a sight This gentleman went one day to inquire There have been two reprints of the for a countryman a little way out of book, one in England and one in America town, and when he came to the house he looked in at the little window over the door and asked the woman who sat by the fire if her husband was at 'No. sir,' said she, but if you please to tained 182 jests. It was a thin pamphlet, alight and come in, I'll go and call him.

"My Lord B- had married three wives, who were all his servants; a beggar woman, meeting him one day in the street, made him a very low curtesy. 'Ah, bless your lordship,' said she, 'and send you a long life. If you do but live long enough, we shall all be ladies in

"When Oliver first coined his money an old cavalier, looking upon one of the new pieces, read the inscription on one side, 'God with us;' on the other, 'The nonwealth of England.' 'I see,' said he, 'God and the Commonwealth are on

"Col. Bond, who had been one of King Charles I's judges, died a day or two before Oliver, and it was strongly reported everywhere that Cromwell was dead. 'No,' said a gentleman who knew Not all of Joe Miller's jests can be re- better, 'he has only given Bond to the

and put it to his own ear. The gentle-There follows a selection from Joe Miller's jests that is believed to contain the cream of the book. The jokes bear scrular bad a brother lost at sea about a fortwhat answer made he?' said the gentle-"A gentleman was saying one day at man. He told me, said he, that he the Tilt Yard Coffee House, when it could give no account of him, for he had rained exceedingly hard, that it put him not been at sea these three weeks."

in mind of the general deluge. Zoons, sir,' said an old campaigner who stood by, 'who's that?' I have heard of all with Joe Miller and myself told us that being once in great danger at sea every- . "A pragmatical young fellow, sitting body was observed to be upon their knees at a table over against the learned John but one man, who, being called upon to Scott, asked him what difference there was between Scott and sot? Just the breadth of the table, answered the other.

"Two gentlemen disputing about religpublic orations he happened at one ion in Button's coffee house, said one time to be pretty much behind-hand with of them. I wonder, sir, you should talk his workmen and, coming one day among about religion when I'll hold you five dered one of them to get into the ros-trum and make a speed that he missis trum and make a speech that he might being deposited, the gentleman began observe how it could be heard. The fel-with 'believe in God,' and so went clev-

and called upon a gentleman who was in "A country clergyman meeting a neight the company for his opinion. 'Cousin.'

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